

2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.6 DEFINITIONS (CONT'D)

Underground Utility Vault

Denotes an underground enclosure where conduit(s) are terminated and which provides ready access to conduit system.

Uniform Service Order Code (USOC)

Denotes a three or five character alphabetic, numeric, or an alphanumeric code that identifies a specific item of service or equipment. Uniform Service Order Codes are used in the Company billing system to generate recurring rates and nonrecurring charges.

V and H Coordinates Method

Denotes a method of computing airline miles between two points by utilizing an established formula which is based on the vertical (V) and horizontal (H) coordinates of the two points.

WATS Serving Office (WSO)

Denotes a Company designated end office switch which is capable of performing routing, screening and recording function in connection with the closed-end of an 800/800-type call, Outward WATS and similar services. Designation of an end office switch as a WSO is based upon the capability and capacity of the end office switch to provide WATS Access Service Arrangements. WATS Access Service Arrangements and WATS Access Service Options may not all be available at all WATS Serving Offices. WATS Serving Offices are identified in National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. Tariff F.C.C. No. 4.

Wire Center

Denotes a building in which one or more central offices, used for the provision of Exchange Services, are located.

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2.7 SHARED USE REGULATIONS

Shared Use occurs when the Company allows a customer to utilize the same transport facility for different services. When the same transport facility and the associated options are utilized to provide more than one service, the Company shall apportion the monthly billing of the appropriate transport elements between the shared services.

The rate elements subject to the Shared Use allocation process are the recurring elements assessed for transport facilities only between a customer's premises and the serving wire center (SWC) of that premises and the interoffice facilities from the customer's SWC to other wire centers which may include access tandems, end offices, and hubbing locations. Rate elements not associated with transport facilities are not allocated. The nonrecurring installation charges for each service are not apportioned and are assessed except as set forth in this section.

The Shared Use transport facility is ordered and provided as Private Line Transport Service (PLTS) unless otherwise described in this Section. The specific Shared Use regulations and/or exceptions are described following:

- DS1 and DS3 PLTS with Switched Access Service is described in 2.7.1, following,
- Expanded Interconnection Channel Termination with PLTS and Switched Access is described in 2.7.2, following, and
- Switched Access Service with Common Channel Signaling Access Capability Service (CCSAC) is described in 2.7.3, following
- PLTS and Switched Access Service provisioned with an optical interface (described in 2.7.4, following)

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2.7 SHARED USE REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.7.1 DS1 AND DS3 PLTS WITH CCSAC AND SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE

When DS1 and DS3 PLTS (including a facility to a Hub) is shared between PLTS and Switched Access Service (and CCSAC), the service is ordered, provided and rated as PLTS until the customer chooses to place an order for Switched Access Service. When the customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity on existing PLTS for providing Switched Access Service, the customer shall place an order for each individual Switched Access Service and specify the channel assignment for the Shared Use facility.

When the PLTS transport facilities are shared with Switched Access Service, the transport recurring PLTS rate elements (e.g., Channel Termination, Transport Channel and multiplexing) as well as the Switched Access Service transport recurring rate elements (e.g., Entrance Facility, Direct-Trunked Transport Facility and/or Direct Link Transport and associated multiplexing), are apportioned based on the total number of channels utilized for each service. The Switched Access rate for DS3 EF Electrical capacity of two or greater as set forth in Section 6 of the Access Service Price Schedule, is for the billing of Shared Use only.

The recurring rate elements associated with multiplexing equipment are apportioned based on the number of channels utilized for each service when both Switched and PLTS multiplexing rate elements are chargeable.

When CCSAC Service is ordered on a Shared Use facility, the customer must dedicate, at a minimum, one DS1 facility for that service.

When PLTS facilities are provided from the SWC of the customer's premises to a Company hub and those facilities are shared with Switched Access Service, the appropriate PLTS transport channel mileage rates and the Switched DTT or DLT rates are apportioned. Switched DTT facilities must be provisioned from the Company hub to an access tandem or end office based on whether the customer requests tandem routing or direct routing.

PLTS and Switched Access Service rates elements not associated with transport facilities are not allocated. Following on the next page, is an example of Shared Use allocation.

Appropriate nonrecurring installation charges are assessed on a per-line, per-trunk or per-link basis for Switched Access Service.

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2.7.1 DS1 AND DS3 PLTS WITH SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE (CONT'D)

Example of Shared Use

- Customer has DS3 PLTS comprised of a DS3 Channel Termination and a DS3/DS1 Multiplexer in the SWC of the customer's premises.
- Customer orders 24 Feature Group D trunks to ride a DS1 DTT facility to an end office and specifies that the DS1 DTT facility be assigned to the DS3 PLTS facility for the associated Switched Access Entrance Facility.

- Switched Access Service Rates and Charges

24/672 of the Switched DS3 Entrance Facility rate
100% Switched DS1 DTT facility rate
24/672 of the Switched DS3/DS1 Multiplexer rate

- PLTS Rates and Charges

648/672 of the PLTS DS3 Channel Termination
648/672 of the PLTS DS3/DS1 Multiplexer

In the above example, if the PLTS DS3 Service has Transport Channel mileage in addition to the Channel Termination, the Switched DS1 DTT facility rate and the PLTS Transport Channel rate are also apportioned.

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2.7 SHARED USE REGULATIONS (CONT'D)

2.7.2 EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION-COLLOCATION CHANNEL TERMINATION

When a customer with a Private Line Expanded Interconnection-Collocation Channel Termination (EICT) provides Shared Use, the apportioned factor (between Switched Access Service and PLTS) applied to the EICT rate element will be the same apportioned factor as determined for the PLTS facility as described in 2.7.1, preceding.

2.7.3 SWITCHED DS3 FACILITY WITH CCSAC SERVICE

Shared Use may occur when Switched Access Service, as set forth in Section 6 of the Access Service Price Schedule, and CCSAC Service, as set forth in Section 15, following, are provided over the same DS3 facility. The DS3 facility must be ordered, provided and rated from Section 6 of the Access Service Price Schedule, until the customer chooses to use a portion of the facility for CCSAC Service.

When the customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity (i.e., DS1) of a DS3 facility for providing CCSAC, the customer shall place an order for each individual CCSAC Service from Section 15, following, and specify the channel assignment for the Shared Use facility. The customer must dedicate, at a minimum, one DS1 facility for the CCS Links. Since a minimum of one DS1 is utilized for CCS Links, the number of channels apportioned for CCSAC will be in multiples of 24 channels. All rates and charges will be apportioned as set forth in 2.7.1, preceding.

Where PLTS or Switched Access Service is provided and a portion of the facility is utilized for Shared Use to a Hub, rates and charges are apportioned for the facility to the Hub as set forth in 2.7.1, preceding, and individual service rates and charges for CCSAC apply from the Hub to the Company STP as set forth in Section 15, following.

2.7.4 PLTS AND SWITCHED ACCESS SERVICE PROVISIONED WITH AN OPTICAL INTERFACE

When a customer chooses to use a portion of the available capacity of a PLTS provisioned with an optical interface, all rates and charges are apportioned as set forth in A., preceding. The optical interface is ordered and provided from Section 7 of the Interstate Access Service Tariff, F.C.C. No. 1. The rate for the optical interface is for the billing of Shared Use only.